BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-428-G - ORDER NO. 2001-992

OCTOBER 10, 2001

IN RE:	Gas Redelivery Agreement between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Hydro Aluminum Wells, Inc., Belton, South)	ORDER APPROVING √ 1000 AGREEMENT
	Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont or the Company) for approval of a gas redelivery agreement between the Company and Hydro Aluminum Wells, Inc. of Belton, South Carolina.

The contract was fashioned to meet competition from alternative energy sources and to allow Piedmont to retain Hydro as a long-term customer. Under the agreement, it is anticipated that Hydro will continue to make substantial contributions to Piedmont's fixed costs and provide substantial benefits to Piedmont and Piedmont's other customers.

We have examined the matter, and hereby approve the contract, for the reasons stated above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:
Lary E. Wolsh:

Executive Director

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